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DEPARTMENT OF STEEL & MINES

NOTIFICATION

The 21st February 2011

No. 1368—IV(A)SM-99/2010-SM.—Whereas it has been decided in the State Level Task Force Committee Meeting held on the 14th September 2010 to put in place a system for regulating the activities of the loading contractors in case of loading of ores at the Railway sidings on imposition of certain restrictions;

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-rule (15) of Rule 10 of the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling and Illegal Mining and Regulation of Possession, Storage, Trading and Transportation) Rules, 2007, the State Government having felt necessary to do so, impose the following restrictions to regulate the activities of loading contractors engaged in loading of mineral (non-coal), ores with a view to check the illegal transportation and storage of minerals, namely :—

- (1) The loading contractors and other agencies engaged in loading of ores at railway sidings shall have to register themselves with the Deputy Director of Mines/Mining Officer of the Steel & Mines Department exercising jurisdiction over the areas prior to beginning of such activities.
- (2) Antecedents of the Contractors/Agencies shall have to be verified by the Registering Authority before such registration to ensure that such Contractor/ Agency has not indulged in violation of the provisions of the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Orissa Minerals (Prevention of Theft, Smuggling and Illegal Mining and Regulation of Possession, Storage, Trading and Transportation) Rules, 2007 and other laws including the law of motor vehicles and labour laws for the time being in force.
- (3) Apart from the statuoty requirements, adequate employee strength, financial background and work experience shall be taken into consideration by the Registering Authority before the Agencies/Contractors are registered to take up the activities of the loading work.

- (4) The Principal Employees/Lesseees/Licensees shall engage only those contractors, who are registered as such and the engagement of loading contractors shall be only through a tendering process.
- (5) The loading contractors/agencies shall get their accounts regularly audited by a qualified Chartered Accountant and submit the audited accounts to the registering authority.
- (6) The Employment Exchange (Compulsory Notification of Vacancies) Act, 1959 (31 of 1959) shall be followed in its letter and spirit.
- (7) The contractors/agencies shall submit such returns/reports from time to time as may be required by the registering authority.

By order of the Governor

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Commissioner-cum-Secretary to Government